REMARKS

I. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A replacement abstract section is included with this amendment, which presents the abstract on a separate page thus addressing the Office Action objection.

II. CLAIM 13 – REJECTED UNDER 35 USC § 112

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being an indefinite "omnibus" claim. Applicant has canceled this claim.

III. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Examiner and Applicant agreed in the 01/26/2010 interview that the Zamora reference did not teach limitations of claims 1, 11 and 12, for the following reasons:

CLAIM 1

Zamora does not have an "aggregate processor" and a "source-entity processor" that are separate and distinct from one another, as in the claims.

Moreover, Zamora does not disclose the elements in section "A" of the claim (these are all on the side of the aggregator processor):

- A(i): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-53) does not describe "accepting a query from a user interface, against a plurality of predetermined attributes and therewith forming a parameter list".

- A(ii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-28) does not describe "transmitting the parameter list to each of the 'source-entity' processors".

- A(iii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 43-54) does not describe "receiving a respective file from each of the 'source-entity' processors".

- A(iv): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 11, lines 25-41) does not describe "aggregating the plurality of files into a data-warehouse".

- A(v): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 6, lines 1-16) does not describe "using the parameter list, extracting query relevant data from the data-warehouse".

- A(vi): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 12, lines 10-19) does not describe "agglomerating the extract". The cited passage does mention combining data structures, but not in a way that remotely resembles agglomerating the extract as in the claim, where the extract consists of query-relevant data taken from the database using the parameter list.

- A(vii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 6, lines 17-25) does not describe "reporting the agglomerated extract to a user interface". Reporting is not mentioned at all in this passage.

Further, Zamora does not disclose the elements in section "B" of the claim (these are all on the side of the source-entity processor):

- B(i): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 10, lines 9-25) does not describe "accumulating data-items wherein some of the data-items have privacy sensitive micro-data". The passage peripherally mentions data like the sender and recipient of a letter, but it does not discuss a source-entity processor <u>accumulating</u> those data items, as in the claim.

- B(ii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 6, lines 28-41) does not describe "organizing the data-items using the plurality of predetermined attributes".

- B(iii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-53) does not describe the source-entity processor "receiving a parameter list from the 'aggregator' processor".

- B(iv): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 9, lines 21-31) does not describe "forming a file by 'crunching together' the data-items according to the parameter list".

- B(v): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 37, lines 5-49) does not describe "filtering out portions of the file which characterize details particular to less than a predetermined quantity of micro-data-specific data-items". The passage does not involve data filtering at all.

- B(vi): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 11, lines 49-60) does not describe the source-entity processor "transmitting the file to the 'aggregator' processor". In this passage, there is simply no <u>transmission</u> of a file to anywhere, much less to an aggregate processor.

CLAIM 11

Zamora does not disclose the elements in the claim (these are all on the side of the aggregator processor):

- (i): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-53) does not describe "accepting a query from a user interface, against a plurality of predetermined attributes and therewith forming a parameter list".

- (ii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-28) does not describe "transmitting the parameter list to each of the 'source-entity' processors".

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- (vi): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 12, lines 10-19) does not describe "agglomerating the extract". The cited passage does mention combining data structures, but not in a way that remotely resembles agglomerating the extract as in the claim, where the extract consists of query-relevant data taken from the database using the parameter list.

- (vii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 6, lines 17-25) does not describe "reporting the agglomerated extract to a user interface". Reporting is not mentioned at all in this passage.

CLAIM 12

Zamora does not disclose the elements in the claim (these are all on the side of the source-entity processor):

- (i): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 10, lines 9-25) does not describe "accumulating data-items wherein some of the data-items have privacy sensitive micro-data". The passage peripherally mentions data like the sender and recipient of a letter, but it does not discuss a source-entity processor <u>accumulating</u> those data items, as in the claim.

- (ii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 6, lines 28-41) does not describe "organizing the data-items using the plurality of predetermined attributes".

- (iii): The cited passage in Zamora (col. 5, lines 22-53) does not describe the source-entity processor "receiving a parameter list from the 'aggregator' processor".

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- (vi):   The cited passage in Zamora (col. 11, lines 49-60) does not describe the source-entity processor "transmitting the file to the 'aggregator' processor". In this passage, there is simply no <u>transmission</u> of a file to anywhere, much less to an aggregate processor.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Claims 2-10 in the application depend from independent claim 1, and define patentably over Zamora, and any combination of Zamora with another reference, for the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. The application is therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests such action.

Respectfully,

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